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SUBJECT: MAQARIN WATER RIGHTS--U.S. WORKING PAPER

REF: A) AMMAN 4006, B) AMMAN 3967, C) AMMAN 3961
D) STATE 160126

1. OMAR ABDULLAH, JVA HEAD, GAVE US, MORNING
JULY 19, SUGGESTED WORDING CHANGES TO U.S.
DRAFT WORKING PAPER. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION
WITH HIM AND SUGGESTED RE-WORDINGS FROM EMBASSY,
AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON A NUMBER OF CHANGES
WHICH WOULD BE PROPOSED TO WASHINGTON. CHANGES
ARE TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING AND WE BELIEVE
SHOULD PROVIDE NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR WASHINGTON
IN TERMS OF FORMER DRAFT.

2. CHANGES FOLLOW WITH BRIEF INDICATION OF REASON
FOR EACH. (WORDS TO BE REMOVED FROM PRESENT DRAFT APPEAR IN
DOUBLE PARENTHESES. WORDS ADDED TO TEXT ARE IN
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QUOTATION MARKS.)

A) IN PARAGRAPH A) WATER FOR THE YARMOUK
(ADASIYE) TRIANGLE--, 2ND SENTENCE SHOULD READ
AS FOLLOWS: SPECIFICALLY "A TOTAL OF" 25 MILLION
CUBIC METERS (MCM) WILL BE AVAILABLE "ANNUALLY"
FROM THE YARMOUK RIVER TO THE TRIANGLE.

REASON FOR CHANGE--MORE PRECISE FORMULA-

TION OF THE OBLIGATION.

B) THIRD SENTENCE IN THE PARAGRAPH SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: AFTER THE "COMPLETION OF" CONSTRUCTION OF THE MAQARIN DAM, RELEASES FROM THE ((DAM ITSELF)) "MAQARIN RESERVOIR" WILL MAKE POSSIBLE THE PROVISION OF ((25 MCM TO THE TRIANGLE, INCLUDING THE)) "UP TO" 2.3 CUBIC METERS PER SECOND (CMS) FOR USE DURING THE ((APPROXIMATE)) "APPROXIMATELY" FOUR MONTHS OF THE DRY, LOW-FLOW PERIOD "TO BE COUNTED AGAINST THE TOTAL OF THE ABOVE 25 MCM."

REASON FOR CHANGE--CLARIFICATION OF THE OBLIGATION AND TO AVOID THE IMPRESSION THAT 2.3 CUBIC METERS PER SECOND FORMS PART OF A CURRENT, AS OPPOSED TO AFTER CONSTRUCTION, OBLIGATION BY JORDAN AND TO INDICATE ALSO THAT WATER SO PROVIDED CLEARLY COUNTS AGAINST AND IS NOT IN ADDITION TO 25 MCM TOTAL.

C) FOURTH SENTENCE IN THE PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE REVISED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: DURING PERIODS OF DROUGHT (WHEN WATER AVAILABLE FOR RELEASE FALLS BELOW THE AMOUNT REQUIRED AT THE DIVERSION WEIR (SEE (B) BELOW) TO MEET THE ALLOCATION OF THE TRIANGLE AND NEEDS OF "THE AREA SERVED BY THE" EAST GHOR MAIN CANAL), THE WATER DEFICIT WILL BE SHARED IN PROPORTION TO THE ((AMOUNT)) "AREA"

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OF LAND BEING IRRIGATED IN THE YARMOUK TRIANGLE AND THE ((AMOUNT)) "AREA" OF LAND BEING IRRIGATED IN THE AREA ((S)) SERVED BY THE EAST GHOR MAIN CANAL.

REASON FOR CHANGE--TO CLARIFY THE MEASURE OF LAND AS BEING AREA AND TO MAKE THE SENTENCE SYMMETRICAL AND BALANCED. OMAR ABDULLAH REMINDED US THAT THE ISRAELIS HAVE IN HAND THE FIGURES WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MAKE THIS CALCULATION FOR JORDAN FROM THE JORDANIAN-PROVIDED FEASIBILITY STUDY. JORDAN HAS STILL NOT RECEIVED THE PROMISED ISRAELI FIGURES FOR ADASIYE TRIANGLE AND PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH WOULD BE PERTINENT TO THIS PART OF THE ARRANGEMENT.

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D) PARAGRAPH B) DIVERSION WEIR AT ADASIYE, ETC.
FIRST SENTENCE SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: A WEIR WILL
BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE VICINITY OF THE "EXISTING"
EAST GHOR MAIN CANAL INTAKE ON THE YARMOUK RIVER
TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL AND REGULATION OF WATER
INTO THE "EAST GHOR MAIN" CANAL AND INTO THE
YARMOUK TRIANGLE.

REASON FOR CHANGE--FURTHER CLARIFICATION.

E) PARAGRAPH C) THE WEST BANK--, THE SECOND
SENTENCE SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: JORDAN
AND ISRAEL ALSO ACCEPT THE NEED TO REVIEW WEST
BANK (WEST GHOR "AND ZOR") AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
POTENTIAL, ETC.

REASON FOR CHANGE--FURTHER PRECISION.
OF SCOPE OF STUDY.

F) FINAL SENTENCE IN THE PARAGRAPH SHOULD
READ AS FOLLOWS: JORDAN WILL EXPLORE FURTHER THE
AVAILABILITY OF GROUND WATER RESOURCES IN THE
EAST ((GHOR AREA)) "PART OF THE JORDAN
VALLEY" IN ORDER TO DETERMINE HOW THESE RESOURCES
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CAN ((BE CHanneled)) "BEST BE DEVELOPED" TO MOST
EFFECTIVE USE.

REASON FOR CHANGE--TO MAKE CLEAR THAT
UNDERGROUND WATER RESOURCES WILL BE INVESTIGATED
IN AN AREA TECHNICALLY LARGER THAN THE EAST GHOR
AND TO AVOID ANY IMPLICATION THAT WATER WILL BE
"CHANNELED" ANYWHERE IN THE NARROW SENSE, BUT
THAT THE USE OF WHICH WILL BE DEVELOPED MOST

EFFICIENTLY. OMAR ABDULLAH INDICATED THAT THE STUDY GENERALLY WILL COVER ALL OF THE EAST JORDAN VALLEY BELOW THE SEA LEVEL LINE, WHICH IS A LARGER AREA THAN JUST THE EAST GHOR.

G) THE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH D) ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS-- SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: THE WATER QUALITY QUESTION WAS REVIEWED AND IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THE PROJECT WOULD NOT ADVERSELY CHANGE THE "PRESENT" QUALITY OF WATER AVAILABLE TO DOWNSTREAM USERS.

REASON FOR CHANGE--TO BE MORE PRECISE ABOUT THE BASE PERIOD BEING DISCUSSED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IF DEPARTMENT AND AID HAVE NO OBJECTIONS, SUGGEST THAT THIS TEXT AS REVISED BE PROVIDED TO ISRAELIS.

4. FOR TEL AVIV: IN LIGHT OF OMAR ABDULLAH'S REQUEST, WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE AN UP-DATE ON WHEN ISRAELIS WILL PROVIDE PROMISED FIGURES ON ADASIYE TRIANGLE AREA AND WATER USAGE.

5. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS WITH REVISED FULL TEXT. PICKERING

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